

In the remarks explaining the rejections, the Examiner advises as follows.

...In claims 48-51, Applicant claims first, second, third and fourth mutually aligned openings. However, it is unclear what Applicant is claiming. Applicant doesn't disclose an embodiment with a securement member that has more than two openings...

At page 7, the subject Specification states as follows.

Referring to Figs. 1-3, securement device 10 is a flat rigid member which may be comprised of metal and which defines opposed flat surfaces 12 and 14. Openings 16 and 18 extend between surfaces 12 and 14 and through securement device 10. (emphasis added)

Claim 48 reads as follows, with bracketed insertions of the above original disclosure.

48. (new) The method claimed in claim 43, wherein said step (b) is practiced by forming said securement member [10] with first and second opposed surfaces [12 and 14],

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a first portion [portion of member 10 upwardly of unapertured central portion of member 10 in Fig. 2] defining a first aperture [opening 16] extending transversely through said securement member into first and second mutually aligned openings in said first and second surfaces [opening 16 extends through surfaces 12 and 14 -see Figs. 2 and 4], a second portion continuous with said first portion and being unapertured [unapertured central portion of member 10 in Fig. 2], and a third portion continuous with said second portion [portion of member 10 downwardly of unapertured central portion of member 10 in Fig. 2] and defining a second aperture [opening 18] extending transversely through said securement member into third and fourth mutually aligned openings in said first and second surfaces [opening 18 extends through surfaces 12 and 14 -see Figs. 2 and 4]

With respect to the Examiner's contention "Applicant doesn't disclose an embodiment with a securement member that has more than two openings...", it is respectfully submitted that applicant indeed does so - each of openings 16 and 18 has openings in each of surfaces 12 and 14, i.e., disclosure of four surface openings. This fact is also shown in Fig. 4, where cable tie 24 extends through such four openings, each pair of which is mutually aligned.

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In May of 2006 (date uncertain), undersigned telephoned the Examiner to inquire of the status of the subject application, given its special status based on applicant's age. Mr. Marsh advised that a further Office Action has issued based on failure of support in the Application for the content of claim 48. Mr. Marsh fully followed undersigned's explanation of support for the claim and advised that a response after "final" could be filed without fee attending a response after final if presented as a "request for reconsideration". Such action is hereby taken. Mr. Marsh also kindly advised that the corrected drawings were satisfactory and that additional drawings were not required.

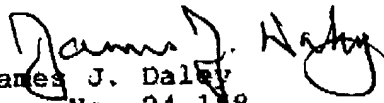
The remaining rejected claims (49-51, dependent on claim 48) were not specifically addressed in the rejections. Undersigned has carefully studied the same and believes that their support in the Application is without question.

With the filing of this paper, done by facsimile on this first day of June 2006, it is believed that the subject application is in condition for allowance. Indication to that effect is solicited.

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Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone undersigned counsel for applicant at (212) 682-9640.

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